GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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Shortage of Funds for Preservation of Ajanta Caves
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of archaeological monuments declared as protected monuments in Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) whether there is shortage of funds for the proper maintenance of the said monuments;

(c) whether there is shortage of funds for the maintenance of Ajanta caves in Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the funds allocated against the requisite amount?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) Archaeological Survey of India has not protected any new monument in Maharashtra during the last three years.

(b) No, Madam.

(c)&(d) No, Madam. The expenditure incurred for maintenance and preservation of Ajanta Caves during the last three years is as follows:

2014-15 Rs.3.06 crore
2015-16 Rs.1.20 crore
2016-17 Rs.1.09 crore